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March 23, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 – The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Union County Sheriff's Office Technology Modernization in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Union County Sheriff's Department, located at 300 Carter Avenue, New Albany MS, 38652.

This is a good use of taxpayers funds because the equipment that will be utilized in this project is critical to securing the trust and rapport of our local community here in Union County It is of utmost importance to the Union County Sheriff's Office to strive to maintain and even exceed the public's trust and support. Funding this project will do just that and more creating a stronger bond between deputies and the community through transparency, especially in instances and situations that arise where the use-of-force is necessary and performed correctly. Media members and other individual journalist use the Freedom of Information Act more frequently than ever before. Using the video evidence of situations in question and being forthcoming about the facts of those encounters show transparency. Through the use of a body and in-car video system, the public will have more trust and understanding of what they do as law enforcement officers in today's society. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Trent Kelly'.

Trent Kelly
Member of Congress

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